

REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

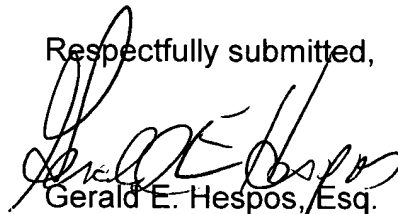
The specification has been amended to incorporate the section headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Additionally, the paragraph in the specification that refers to the original claim numbers has been deleted in view of the possibility that the claim numbers are likely to change during the course of the prosecution.

The original Abstract included legal terms that are unacceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and exceeded the 150 words permitted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The original Abstract has been amended to conform to the requirements of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency that had existed in several of the claims, and to thereby avoid the significant U.S. government surcharges for applications with multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration of the amended application is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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